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Dear Dr. Joshua Lederberg,

Please excuse my writing you without an introduction. I am very well acquainted with your excellent work through the Journal of Bacteriology and other literatures. After reading "Isolation and Characterization of Biochemical Mutants of Bacteria", I have also used T.T.C instead of E.M.B. agar, and also made experiments using T.T.C. in Casaminoacid-galactose in Minimal Medium. I have also used T.T.C. with galactose - phosphate buffer (Ph 5,6,7,8) in studying fermenters and non-fermenters. However the results obtained differ very much from yours, i.e. the fermenters showed red and the non-fermenters white. This discrepancy may be due to the method employed in preparing the medium, so would you please enlighten me as to the exact method for preparing the medium, and also if there is a literature regarding preparation of the medium, I shall be very much obliged if you would kindly let me know the number.

I shall be most grateful if you will kindly give me an early reply.

Yours faithfully

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P.S. If you happen to have a reprint of your "Replica Plating and Indirect Selection of Bacterial Mutants" (J. Bacteriol. 63, 1952) and "Isolation of Pre-adaptive Mutants in Bacteria by Sib Selection" (Genetics 41, 1956), I shall be very much obliged if you would kindly send me copy of each.

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